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**Rifle team wins NECRL title**

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With only one collegiate match left to fire, the MIT varsity rifle team has posted a near-perfect 22-1 record. Shooting in the New England College Rifle League (NECRIL), the team has lost only one match, to Norwich University earlier in the year.

At the NECRL league finals held February 23 at MIT, the Tech shooters posted a fine 217 out of 240 score, taking first place in the finals and first place in the league with a 20-1 record. On the winning team were Fred Wysocki '80, whose 552 out of 600 was the second-highest individual score of the match; team captain Paul Hartung '80, whose 549 took third place; Dan Perich '81, who took sixth with a 541; and David Guasti '83 with a 535.

Also firing for MIT were Martin Sirrine '81, Alfreds Azar '82, Dan Hoskins '83, and Greg Baluave '83. Hartung had the third-highest average for the year in the NECRL with a 544.8, while Wysocki took fourth with a 544.17. These two shooters were placed on the NECRL All-Star Team.

The NECRL consists of about 70 men and women from eight schools: MIT, US Coast Guard Academy, University of Maine at Orono, Norwich University, Dartmouth University, University of Rhode Island, University of Connecticut, and Wentworth Institute. MIT's league championship this year was their first since 1971. Also held at MIT on February 23-24 was a National Rifle Association Collegiate Sectional match. NRA sectionals are held nationwide to select top shooters to compete in the NCAA championships. Hartung fired a 1091 out of 1200 in the smallbore portion of the competition, leading teammates Wysocki, Perich and Guasti to a first-place team title score.

In the air rifle competition, Hartung took first place individually with a 390 out of 400; Wysocki took second with a 354; and the team of Hartung, Wysocki, Perich, and Sirrine earned MIT another first place with a 1380 score.

In December, the team traveled to Vermont for the Norwich Invitational match. Placed second out of fourteen teams, losing only to two teams from West Point. At the West Point Invitational on February 2, MIT took fifth place out of a field of 24 teams, losing to West Virginia University, Eastern Tennessee State University, and two teams from West Point. The three recruits beating MIT all recruit heavily for experienced rifle shooters and give full athletic scholarships to top shooters. Such a strong showing by a non-scholarship school such as MIT is an outstanding accomplishment.

Other matches fired this year include two wins against Tabor College in January and again this past weekend. The team travels to New York on May 15 for their last match of the year against Lehman University and West Point.